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The Honorable Mary Margaret Haugen  
Chair  
Senate Transportation Committee  
PO Box 40410  
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The Honorable Ed Murray  
Chair  
House Transportation Committee  
PO Box 40600  
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Subject: Keystone Harbor Study (ESHB 2474, Chapter 229, Laws of 2004, Section 304)

Dear Senator Haugen and Representative Murray:

In response to the proviso in the transportation budget, Washington State Ferries has conducted a technical analysis to determine the viability of the existing Keystone Harbor. As directed by the State Legislature, we have been working closely with a Citizen Advisory Group and studying a range of areas including traffic, environmental impacts, ridership, safety considerations, costs and benefits, and the physical effects of the various harbor configurations. The attached report summarizes the key findings of the Keystone Harbor Study and describes four options that merit further study.

From the many options that were considered throughout the seven month study, we have selected four options to carry forward for further study. These options represent a range of approaches, but all four keep the Keystone Terminal in Keystone Harbor. In coming months WSF will proceed with planning and studying these four options. Technical work will be refined and more cost analysis will be conducted.

The Keystone Harbor Study has led us to options that we did not have at the beginning of the study. WSF still has more analysis to do before it can identify a preferred course of action for Keystone Harbor, but at this stage, we believe WSF is carrying the right four options forward for further study.

Respectfully,

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Attachment

cc:

Transportation Commissioner Dale Stedman  
Senator Dan Swecker  
Senator Ken Jacobsen  
Senator Erik Poulsen  
Senator Jim Hargrove

Representative Bev Woods  
Representative Barbara Bailey  
Representative Christopher Strow  
Representative Jim Buck  
Representative Lynn Kessler